

CAPSULE SUMMARY

BA-565

John Walter's Store

18902 Gunpowder Road

Hampstead, Baltimore County

Circa 1875

Private

The John Walter's Store is located in the historic village of Beckleysville near the town of Hampstead in the Fifth District of Baltimore County. The Fifth District is located in the northwest corner of Baltimore County and is historically known for its abundant waterpower and timber that spurred construction of sawmills, paper mills, and flour mills, making this an industrial region of the county. Located along Gunpowder Road, this house was constructed circa 1875. Although an exact date of construction for the building has not been determined, historic maps and architectural evidence support a circa 1875 date. Appearing on the Hopkins 1877 Atlas, this house is occupied by John Walter. At the time that the house was constructed, Beckleysville was the largest and most important town in the Fifth District, having a population of 400 in 1881. Most of the town lies within the Fifth District; however, a portion of the east-side of town lies in the Sixth District. Industry in the town was focused around the Beckley Paper Mills, which were located to the south of the crossroads on Gunpowder Road. The town was also home to two stores, Zouck's Hotel, Public School No. 8, a Lutheran and a Methodist Episcopal church, and the Knights of Pythias Union Lodge No. 50.

Standing on a solid stone foundation, this vernacular building is wood frame clad with vertical boards on the first story and aluminum siding on the second story. The façade is pierced with six 2/2 double-hung wood sash windows and four 1-light metal casement windows all with narrow wood surrounds. The off-center entry contains a single-leaf wood paneled with lights door. One exterior-end brick stretcher bond brick chimney rises above the standing-seam metal side gable roof. The roof features a heavy molded wood cornice with returns. Across the full width of the façade is a one-story shed roof porch supported with replacement brick posts. The first story of the side and rear elevations are clad with a brick veneer. A two-story wood frame addition was constructed to the southwest of the main block and is capped with a gable roof. There are three historic outbuildings and one object associated with this property; a pumphouse, barn, tractor shed, and gaspump.

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Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. BA-565

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Walter's Store

other

2. Location

street and number 18902 Gunpowder Road not for publication

city, town Hampstead vicinity

county Baltimore County

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Robert E. and Jent B. Gavazzi

street and number 4126 Beckleysville Road telephone Not Available

city, town Hampstead state MD zip code 21074

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse liber 7728 folio 720

city, town Towson tax map 15 tax parcel 126 tax ID number 0513021510

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
☐ Other: _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	4
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	1
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	5
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
			1

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Sitting on a sloping lot at the northwest corner of Beckleysville and Gunpowder Roads, this property has several mature trees and a paved driveway adjacent to the house. Standing on a solid stone foundation, this vernacular dwelling dating circa 1875, is wood frame clad with vertical boards on the first story and aluminum siding on the second story. The façade is pierced with six 2/2 double-hung wood sash windows and four 1-light metal casement windows all with narrow wood surrounds. The off-center entry contains a single-leaf wood paneled with lights door. One exterior-end brick stretcher bond brick chimney rises above the standing-seam metal side gable roof. The roof features a heavy molded wood cornice with returns. Across the full width of the façade is a one-story shed roof porch supported with replacement brick posts. The first story of the side and rear elevations are clad with a brick veneer. A two-story wood frame addition was constructed to the southwest of the main block and is capped with a gable roof.

There are three historic outbuildings associated with this property. First, is a circa 1900 pumphouse located next to the main house. It is wood frame one story high and one bay wide. It stands on a solid random rubble foundation and is clad with board-and-batten siding. It has a single-leaf wood vertical-board door and a front gable roof sheathed with corrugated sheet metal. Adjacent to the pumphouse is one *Gasboy* gaspump, circa 1950s.

Next, is a circa 1940s wood frame barn that stands one-and-a-half stories and is one bay wide. It is clad with beaded vertical boards and sits on a concrete block foundation. The façade contains a single-leaf paneled with lights door and the front gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles.

Finally, a circa 1940s tractor shed one-story in height and three bays wide. It is constructed of concrete blocks with the façade clad with beaded vertical boards. The three bays contain sliding wood doors, and the shed roof is clad with asphalt shingles.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

Specific dates 1875 ca.

Architect/Builder Unknown

Construction dates 1875 ca.

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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¹ J. Thomas Scharf, *History of Baltimore City and County From the Earliest Period to the Present Day: Including Biographical Sketches of Their Representative Men*, (Philadelphia, PA: Louis H. Everts, 1881. Reprinted by Higginson Book Company, Salem, MA), p. 869.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Map of Baltimore County. Philadelphia, PA: G. W. Bromley, 1915.

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 1.84 Acre

Acreage of historical setting Unknown

Quadrangle name Lineboro

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

Walter's Store constructed circa 1875 is located at 18902 Gunpowder Road in Hampstead in the Fifth District of Baltimore County. It has been historically associated with tax map 15, parcel 126 since its construction.

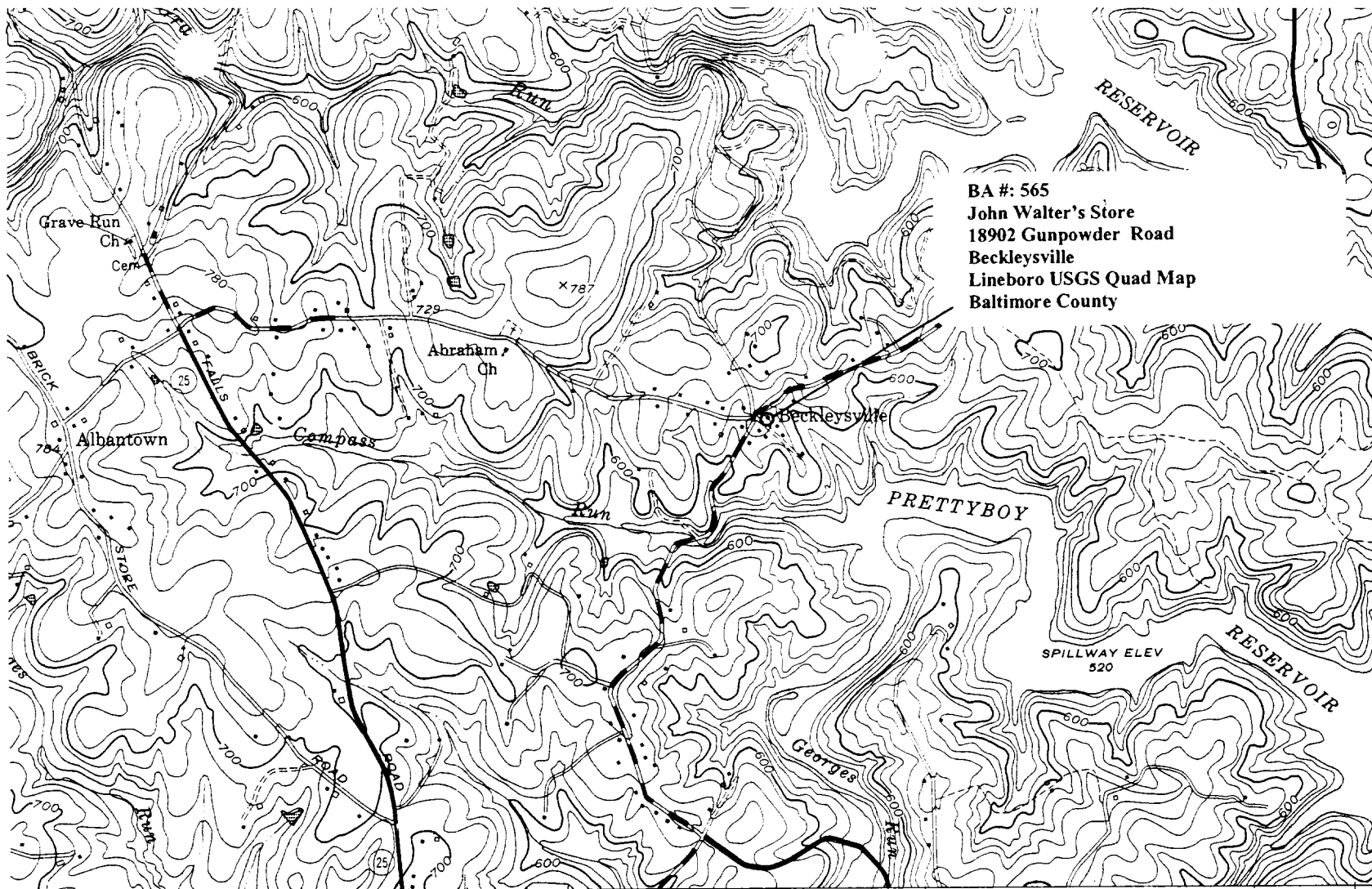
11. Form Prepared by

name/title	R. Weidlich and K. Baynard, Architectural Historians		
organization	EHT Tracerics, Incorporated	date	March 19, 2002
street & number	1121 5th Street NW	telephone	202.393.1199
city or town	Washington	state	DC

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

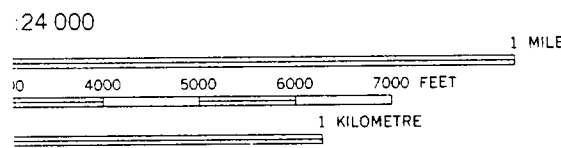
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Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
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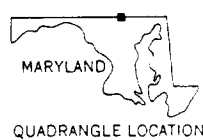


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Beckleysville
Lineboro USGS Quad Map
Baltimore County

STEADY 11 SE 345 WHITE HOUSE 2.1 MI. 346 BUTLER 7.3 MI. 47°30' 347 FORESTON 1.3 MI. 2.7 MI. TO MD 137 INTERIOR—GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, RESTON, VIRGINIA—1991 2 280 000 FEET (PA.) 349000m E. 39°37'30" 76°45' 4389000m N. 110 000 FEET (PA.)

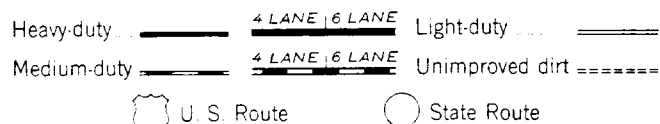


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RTICAL DATUM OF 1929



QUADRANGLE LOCATION

ROAD CLASSIFICATION



LINEBORO, MD.—PA.

NAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY
OR RESTON, VIRGINIA 22092
AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

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Survey from aerial photographs taken 1974. This

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TRACTOR SHED, SOUTHWEST ELEVATION

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